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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Skidmore, et al.

Patent No. 7,052,422 : DECISION

Issue Date: 30 May, 2006

Application No. 10/633,106

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This is a decision on the petition filed on 18 July, 2006, which is being treated as a request under 37 C.F.R. §3.81(b)<sup>1</sup> to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The Office regrets the delay in addressing this matter, however, the instant petition was provided to the attorneys in the Office of Petitions only on this writing.

The request is **GRANTED** (upon the instant showing of the recordation of the assignments on 1 August, 2003, at Reel/Frame 014361/0229).

The Certificates of Correction Branch will be notified of this decision granting the petition under 37 C.F.R. §3.81(b) and directing issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

See MPEP 1309, subsection II; and Official Gazette of 22 June, 2004.

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While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214, it is noted that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2<sup>2</sup>) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner=s action(s).

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